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LOUISIANA NOVEMBER 1 CROP PROSPECTS

The November 1 crop prospects for Louisiana indicate that all major crop yields per acre will be up significantly from last year, with corn, rice, sorghum, and sugarcane setting new record yields, according to Dave Frank, State Statistician for the Louisiana Agricultural Statistics Service. The following are prospects for the major crops:

CORN production is forecast at 52.1 million bushels, up 19 percent from a year ago. Yield per acre at 127 bushels, is up 46 bushels from last year. If realized, this will be the highest yield on record, when the record book on yield began in 1866.

COTTON production is forecast at 870,000 bales, up 20,000 bales from last month, and 229,000 bales above last year. Yield at 702 pounds per acre, up 16 pounds from last month, and 116 pounds above last year.

RICE production is forecast at 31.3 million cwt, unchanged from last month, and 11 percent above 1998. Yield per acre is forecast at 5,000 pounds, unchanged from last month, but 470 pounds more than last year. If realized, this would be the highest yield on record.

SORGHUM production is forecast at 20.0 million bushels, unchanged from last month, compared to 7.5 million bushels last year. Yield is forecast at 80 bushels per acre, unchanged from last month, but up 20 bushels from last year. This would be the highest yield ever recorded in the State.

SOYBEAN production is forecast at 25.3 million bushels, unchanged from the October 1 forecast, but up 12 percent from a year ago. Yield, forecast at 25 bushels per acre, is also unchanged from October 1, but 4 bushels more than last year.

SUGARCANE production for sugar and seed is forecast at 15.8 million net tons, up 22 percent from 1998. This will be the highest acreage, yield, and production ever recorded in the State. Louisiana now moves ahead of Florida to become the number one State in the United States for sugarcane acreage. Yield per acre is forecast at 34 net tons, up 1 ton from last month, and 4.3 net tons above last year. Recording of acreage, yield, and production began in 1909.

ALL HAY production is forecast at 756,000 tons, down 12 percent from August 1 forecast, but 4 percent above 1998. Yield at 2.1 tons per acre is down 0.1 ton from 1998.

PECAN production is forecast at 18.0 million pounds, up 13 percent from last year's crop.

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CROP	LOUISIANA						UNITED STATES					
	ACRES FOR HARVEST	YIELD PER ACRE			PRODUCTION		ACRES FOR HARVEST	YIELD PER ACRE			PRODUCTION	
	IND. 1999	UNIT	FINAL 1998	NOV 1999	UNIT	NOV 1999	IND. 1999	UNIT	FINAL 1998	NOV 1999	UNIT	NOV 1999
	thousand				-----thousand-----		thousand				-----thousand-----	
Corn, (grain) 1/	410	bushels	81	127	bushels	52,070	70,925	bushels	134.4	134.5	bushels	9,537,137
Upland Cotton	595	pounds	586	702	bales	870	13,096	pounds	619	581	bales	15,846
Rice	625	pounds	4,530	5,000	cwt	31,250	3,571	pounds	5,669	5,929	cwt	211,714
Sorghum (grain)	250	bushels	60	80	bushels	20,000	8,499	bushels	67.3	70.1	bushels	595,997
Soybeans	1,010	bushels	21	25	bushels	25,250	72,786	bushels	38.9	36.7	bushels	2,672,972
Sugarcane (sugar & seed)	465	net tons	29.7	34.0	net tons	15,810	987	net tons	36.6	38.1	net tons	37,596
Hay, All 1/	360	tons	2.2	2.1	tons	756	62,051	tons	2.52	2.6	tons	161,385
Pecans, All 1/	---	---	---	---	pounds	18,000	---	---	---	---	pounds	323,900

1/ Estimates for current year carried forward from an earlier forecast.

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